

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study**  
**Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2015**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS
Christine Muss	BCHD
Nick Ceconi	MMSCNY
Marie Hebdon	NYS-DOT
Carlos Basualdo	NYS-DOT
Greg Patinka	
Steven Bard	STBC

Convene 1:35 p.m.

July 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes – Motion was made by Scott to approve minutes, seconded by Steven - accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Snacks &amp; Roadway Needs Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Steven noted that he recently purchased a new aluminum bike and found out it does not trip the sensors at intersections. He will mention something to NYSDOT about this.</li> </ul>	
<b>Newspaper Articles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott reported the NYSDOT is developing a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan which examined crash data and offered systemic approaches for designing roadways. Marie suggested that the plans to be more proactive instead of reactive. The current plan is very specific on the location of these changes in design instead of looking at all of the locations where there is a high concentration of pedestrians. The Complete Streets guide is a more comprehensive approach at addressing these issues. There also needs to be more public education campaigns.</li> <li>- Greg suggested a booth at the NYS Fair as an avenue for public education.</li> </ul>	
<b>Report:</b> Broome-Tioga Rideshare/Get There	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott reported that he presented at a September 8<sup>th</sup> orientation at the Elmira Business Institute in Vestal about BT Rideshare. He is still working with NY 511 to determine usage.</li> <li>- Nick reported that they have not heard about their 5310 and 5311 funding yet for Get There.</li> <li>- Nick also reported that they had their first meeting in Tioga County regarding coordinated transportation.</li> </ul>	

<b>Subcommittee-</b> Cycling Skills Clinics/	<p>Visions Family Fun Day <b>Volunteers Needed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm</li> <li>o Located at 3301 Country Club Road, Endwell</li> </ul>	<b>Email Christine if you are able to volunteer at the clinics.</b>
<b>Subcommittee-</b> Binghamton Bridge Pedal/ Report and Plans for 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott reported that there were 150 riders that participated in the Bridge Pedal. There was good media coverage. The ice cream contest also was a big hit. The committee is looking at August 20<sup>th</sup> for the date next year. The route may vary slightly but they may continue with the public art theme for the stops.</li> <li>- Greg suggested making a second wave of riders for children.</li> </ul>	
<b>Subcommittee-</b> Safe Route to School/Complete Streets –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott reported on the Binghamton Crossing Guard project. Cyndi Paddick and Scott visited the areas where they might be able to eliminate the guard as the infrastructure is already there, or there is no longer a need. For example, there are a number of Catholic Schools that have a crossing guard however the school has been closed for some time. Many of the other areas already had pedestrian signals. The police will make the final decision which city council will also have to approve.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other-</b> BMTS Long Range Plan – Public Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scott reported that the Long Range Plan (LRP) draft has been available for public comment via <a href="http://www.BMTSONline.com">www.BMTSONline.com</a> since the beginning of September. Public input was also received during July three public meetings, and from then through August via an online survey. The BMTS Planning Committee will consider recommending approval of the LRP at its September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The BMTS Policy Committee will meet on September 30<sup>th</sup> to consider adopting the LRP.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other-</b> Route 434 Greenway Project – Consolidated Funding Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Committee was informed that the City of Binghamton has submitted a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to fund \$6 million to build the Rt. 434 Greenway connecting downtown Binghamton with the BU Campus in Vestal. If funded, NYSDOT will provide the remainder of the construction funds. The project is now in the design phase, which they would like to complete by the end of the year. It was found that the tunnel underpass to traverse Rt. 434 is not feasible because it would need to be pumped out free frequently. Will likely need to revisit design alternatives considered in the past such as using the ramps and Pennsylvania Ave. Bridge to get to the south side of Rt. 434, as well as the possibility of taking out a lane of traffic on Rt. 434.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other-</b> Trail Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Susquehanna River North Bank Trail</u> connecting the S. Washington St. Bridge and the Exchange St. Bridge is ready to start construction, but it is our understanding that the NYS DEC or Army Corps. has asked the City to design a swing gate for the floodwall cut-through rather than a drop-in/slide-</li> </ul>	

	<p>in gate. Construction estimated for Spring 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Trail from Cheri Lindsey Park to Bevier St.</u> letting is scheduled for February 2, 2016.</li> <li>- <u>Otsiningo Park Riverside Trails</u> project is under construction. The trails will be widened to 12-feet. The other older, 8-foot wide trails in the park will also be replaced with 12-foot wide trails.</li> <li>- <u>Two Rivers Greenway Sign Project</u> – The bidding process has begun for fabrication and installation of the signs including interpretive signs. The contract is planned to be awarded during October, and will likely be installing signs in the spring &amp; summer of 2016.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b> – NYS Highway Safety Annual Fall Symposium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider attending <b>the affordable and local NY Highway Safety Annual Fall Symposium: Partnering for a Safer NY</b> – October 18-21 in Binghamton, NY - See <a href="https://www.itsmr.org/NY%20Highway%20Safety%20Conference.htm">https://www.itsmr.org/NY%20Highway%20Safety%20Conference.htm</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b> – Riverside Dr. bus shelter at ACHIEVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Riverside Dr. bus shelter at ACHIEVE in Johnson City is now located in a grass area, with no shelter. When there is snow, riders need to wait for the bus in the roadway.</li> </ul>	
<b>Additional Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is requested to put the Pedestrian Bridge over I-81 Planning Study on the agenda for October.</li> </ul>	

Adjourn: 2:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.